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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)

**SUBJECT : National Reconnaissance Office Meeting,
22-23 May 1962**

1. The attached memorandum outlines the pertinent points discussed with Dr. Charyk and his staff. Additional random subjects covered included the following:

a. It was agreed that certain operational data should be posted in Washington during an operation. There was no decision, but it was suggested an NRO control room was desirable. Data should include:

- 1) Ephemeris data
- 2) Weather information
- 3) USIB targets and their priority
- 4) Accomplishments to date
- 5) Status of vehicle and payload.

b. General Greer would continue to wear two hats, one as Deputy Commander, SSD, and the other as Program Director for overt NRO programs directly responsible to DNRO.

c. Colonel Geary will be acting as a member of the NRO, and Air Force support will come through that channel rather than AFCIG-5.

d. General Greer commented he thought initially the NRO staff would consist of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We are requesting further information on this proposal as pertains to organization and responsibilities.

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e. In reference to the B-70 and RS-70 controversy, it was mentioned that an R-12 may be the alternative. If this is pursued, then the Secretary of Defense would probably proceed along one of the following lines:

1) Straightforward cancellation of the B-70 and face-up to the furor.

2) Black procurement of an R-12 and a possible continuation of the B-70 program for three aircraft.

3) Overt acknowledgement of the A-12 and/or R-12 programs. Further discussions on this will take place prior to any action.

f. The comment on financial management in the attached memorandum is in error in that it was agreed that the Program Director (CIA or DOD) would budget for funds after the project had been approved by the DNRO.

2. In reviewing the subjects discussed and reflecting on these with the staff, the following comments are made:

a. The DCI should insist that the Deputy Director NRO be a CIA man (DD/R.) Present agreement left the decision of a Deputy or Acting Director NRO up to Dr. Charyk.

b. The Contracts Staff on the West Coast will act in accordance with the letter going to Dr. Charyk on this matter.

c. Clearances for operations of approved programs may be submitted directly to the Special Group by the DCI or the Secretary of Defense providing they are not in conflict with NRP schedules or interest and they are in support of USIB-approved requirements.

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